

Second edition chronicles early Butternut history

BUTTERNUT -- The history of the Besse Family, a family with an interesting heritage from Butternut, has recently been republished, with an addition of 60 pages to the first edition and also new photographs, including the family Coat of Arms.

The Beese family history begins in the second edition called "The Mayor of Hornbach Isaac Beese (1652-1725) - Ancestors and Descendants." The hardcover book features 263 pages and 140 photos. The German authors, Dr. Maria Besse and Thomas Besse, have recently written and published the second edition. The name Besse is well-known in Butternut. The first to be noted is Isaac Besse, who held the title of a nobly appointed mayor in Germany. His grandson, Henry Besse, emigrated from Germany to the United States in 1849 and served as the postmaster of Butternut, as did his son and his grandson.

A high-quality collection of family documents has been acquired, which has allowed the authors to go back over 21 generations to the year 1397. This academic study includes tales of imposing inheritances, a quarrel over dowry, French lifestyles, and a brief history of Butternut by Ruth Gear. The book also includes a great deal of information about the immigration, contributed by Linda Senne, also of Butternut.

To order this chronicle of early Butternut days and its founding fathers, contact at 715-661-3891, or check the website www.besse.de.